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COMPUTERISATION OF LAND RECORDS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any time-frame for computerisation of land records and formulated plan for the purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is facing any problems in computerisation of land records in some States;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to overcome the problem?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A.NARENDRA)

(a) & (b) The progress of the scheme of Computerisation of Land Records (CLR) was reviewed during the Conference of the Revenue Ministers of States held on 22.11.2004 and State-wise targets for completion of various activities of the scheme were fixed. State Governments were requested to adhere to the targets fixed by this Ministry. A statement showing State-wise targets set by this Ministry for completion of various activities of the scheme of CLR is attached as Annexure.

(c) & (d) Problems faced in the implementation of the scheme of CLR:-

In most of the States, Survey/ Resurvey Settlement Operations have not been carried out regularly. Thus, the ground reality like Sub-Division of plots, uptodate Hissa Numbers & village maps are not available. Therefore, States wanted to update their records before undertaking computerization.

Due to technological advancements there have been continuous changes in technologies from DOS (Single User System) to UNIX-FOX Base/ ORACLE (Multiple User) /Windows/ language interface which resulted in delay in completion of basic data entry.

Non-availability of private data entry agencies in some States to undertake the mammoth task of data entry in local language.

Delay in release of funds from State Headquarter to the implementing authority at district level.

In some of the States, resistance of Revenue staff to take up the task of data verification and validation has hindered the progress.

Lack of trained staff for undertaking the job of completion of data entry work and managing the computer centers.

Lack of effective monitoring mechanism at State and District Level,

(e) Steps taken by this Ministry to overcome the problem: -

@ States were advised to complete the data entry work on campaign mode. They were allowed to engage private data entry agencies/vendors to complete the work, which has accelerated the implementation of the scheme

@ Suitable software was developed by NIC to port legacy land records data into user-friendly Window platform.

@ States were requested to update the land records on continuous basis & conduct resurveys using latest equipment/techniques.

@ Funds were provided to states to impart computer awareness & application software training to Revenue officials for smooth operation of the project.

@ Ministry conducted qualitative monitoring & reviews through conferences of Revenue Ministers/Revenue Secretaries of States and through Video Conferencing and Field visits of Programme Division Officers.

@ States were asked to prepare a plan of action to complete the various activities under the scheme in a time bound manner.